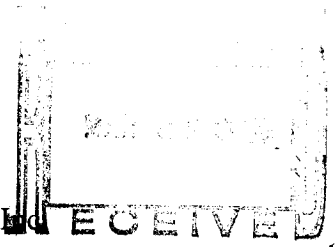




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RE: Carolina Power & Light Company d/b/a Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.  
Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Cost – Docket No. 2006-1-E



Dear Scott:

I received in the mail today, March 6, the South Carolina Energy Users Committee's ("SCEUC") First Set of Interrogatories and Request to Produce to Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. ("PEC"). You asked for responses to the discovery request within ten (10) days from the date of service. The Certificate of Service is dated March 1. Since the discovery request was not received until March 6, I hope that at a minimum, SCEUC will agree that PEC's responses are not due until at least March 16, 2006. However, more importantly, as I stated in my voice mail to you last week after discovering that you had filed these discovery requests with the Commission, given that the test period for PEC's fuel case does not close until March 31, 2006, it will seem more productive for PEC to wait and respond to these discovery requests once the test year has been completed.

I realize that for interrogatories such as 1-8, the request is for PEC's forecasted nuclear fuel usage for each month remaining in the test period. However, it does not seem very productive for PEC to provide SCEUC with a projected fuel cost for a month remaining in the test period when the hearing is not until May 31, and if you will only wait another 30 days, you will have the benefit of PEC's actual fuel costs for the months in question. Thus, for those discovery requests for which the closing of the test period is not required in order to properly answer the request, PEC will provide the requested information on or before March 16, 2006. For all other discovery requests, the information in question will be provided as soon as it is available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Len S. Anthony/mhm'.

Len S. Anthony  
Deputy General Counsel Regulatory Affairs

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cc: Mr. Charles Terreni

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